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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen who would like to see this process ended, I would like to ask for your approval of the proposed agreement in the Microsoft anti-trust lawsuit. This legal action appeared to have been punishment for not having given enough campaign contributions to the previous administration, which then led down the ridiculous path of Judge Jackson trying to break up Microsoft.

It is time to come back down to earth and accept this more reasonable compromise without further legal action.

The fact is that Microsoft has done more than any other company to move the PC industry forward over the last 20 years. With such advantageous terms, the Justice Department should finalize this deal and let this company continue to work toward further innovations.

Considering Microsoft's flexibility of allowing non-Microsoft software programs to be placed on Windows, and offering to license intellectual property and access to its internal code, the competition should be quite pleased with this decision.

It is time to end the arduous legal proceedings and get back to priorities. Please keep Microsoft intact and the software industry stabilized by moving forward with this plan. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely

Robert Agness